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'The end'

By REV. T R. BOGGS
Revelation 20:11-15
Matt. 25:31-45, 21:1-8

In this Scripture the Word of God is approaching completion, "The End". Judgement proceeds on human conduct daily but, there is a final judgement. (The Judgement of the great day). When all shall stand before God.

This is God's great picture for us. His picture of the separating of the sheep from the goats, Matt. 25:31. This is the day that most men will dread but, Christians will see this day as a great day of victory. The authority of the judgement is represented in **"A great Throne"**, and we know that His judgement is according to the truth. While the terribleness of the Holy Judgement is indicated in the words "earth and the heaven fled away" from "the face" of Him that sat on the throne.

All of this approaches a terrible realism the dead, great and small shall stand before the throne, death and hell gave up their dead, and they were all judged. In other words the judgement here is upon the "dead".

Now this transplants our thoughts to the final issues of human history. They were judged every man, none escape pass by. Every servant to whom the Lord has intrusted goods must give account of same. The judgement proceeds upon the conduct of the earthly life. They were judged every man according to his own works. Can you say, "what I have done here on earth is all for the Glory of God?" Or will you have to say that, "I wanted all the glory?" I want every one to see what I have done."

If you work only for self, God will not know you. Every man according to his works. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written "Every idle word that man shall speak they shall give account there of in the day of Judgement. In other words it's best if our mouth is kept under control.

This is the final terrible award of Evil-doing. If any was not found written in the

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The pastor speaks

The misuse of power and authority

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

Lesson for March 16, 1980
Scripture References: John 11:45-53; 18:12-24
Focal Passages: John 11:49-53; 18:12-14, 19-24
The Temptation To Abuse One's Position

Positions of power and authority may be used to bring about the good and the bad. In our society there exists the temptation to compromise personal gain. Some politicians will lobby for special interest groups and sell their souls for big bucks. The tale of Watergate will be told again and again as a classic example of the misuse of power and authority.

On the "flip side of the coin" there are those in positions of power and authority who act responsibly and use their positions to bring about good. There are politicians who labor and lobby for the people. There are people in business who deal honestly with their customers. Power and authority can be excellent tools for bringing about a better quality of life in a community, state, and nation.

This week we look at two people in places of authority who created a climate for the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus. Annas and Caiaphas were two Jewish high priests who compromised their positions for personal advantages.

In the days of Jesus the high priests were appointed by representatives of the Roman Empire. Naturally, the high priests often functioned as puppets of the state. Annas and Caiaphas managed to undo Jesus through their power and influence of the Sanhedrin, who held tremendous power because of their office. (John 11:49-53)

Jesus was a controversial figure of his day. His new Gospel threatened the Jewish leaders and provoked them to seek his downfall. Because of his many mighty acts of mercy, the Sanhedrin

The Bible and daily living

was called into session to decide what to do about Jesus.

Jesus was a threat to the peace and stability of the Jewish people and the Roman heirarchy. If allowed to go on, Jesus might incite an uprising against the Roman state. The Jews were careful not to upset the mighty Roman machine. Rome was tolerant of religion as long as it did not intefere with the goals of the state.

Caiaphas, a high priest, stepped up and spoke to the Sanhedrin about Jesus. He rudely addressed them as fools. Caiaphas suggested that death was the only answer. But Caiaphas made his suggestion in the form of an unconscious prophecy. "It is better for one man to die than for the nation to perish," is basically what Caiaphas said. What he was, in fact, saying was that expediency was more important than justice and truth.

Caiaphas did not know that he was prophesying the atoning death of our Lord. He did not know that his words were a summary of the Christian Gospel which proclaims the sacrificial death of one for the many.

Caiaphas thought that the only way to save a nation from perishing was to destroy its enemies.

Caiaphas could have used his position to acclaim Jesus as the Messiah who healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, fed the hungry, and raised the dead. For the sake of his own political and religious position. Caiaphas sought to deal with Jesus in a most ruthless manner.

The Vote To Condemn (John 18:12-14, 19-24)

It doesn't require but one spark to get a fire going. It only requires one unkind and untruthful comment to destroy a person's standing in a community. It only requires one rotten apple to destroy a whole barrel of apples. Caiaphas was the "rotten apple" among the Jewish leaders. He, along with his father-in-law, Annas, instigated the murder of Jesus. The arresting party included both Romans and Jews. Together the church and the state joined hands to destroy someone they interpreted to be subversionary. The whole mess was an attempt to bypass justice in order to "waste" Jesus.

Religion can become sick! Spiritual leaders are not immune from abusing positions of power and influence. Some are professional "hucksters" who know how to take advantage of their positions for self recognition and gain. Some are experts at building temples to memorialize themselves. Religious leaders in modern times must be held accountable for their style of leadership. Does it edify the person or the people?

Caiaphas and Annas sought to find a loophole in Jesus' teachings and actions. Jesus did not deny any accusations made against him. He was a public Saviour who had nothing to hide. His life was one of constant revelation!

As the trial of Jesus begins to unfold, we see him brutalized verbally and physically. In all its brute force the political and religious machines were joining together to kill the Son of God. They would not stop until Jesus went to the gallows.

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ISS.Greg Eanes, right, of Crewe, Va. stationed aboard the Air Craft Carrier USS Independence and working out of the Farmville Recruiting Office and Seaman Arnold Moore, left, of Appomattox, working out of the Lynchburg Recruiting Office are shown with W. Lloyd Vaughan, of Appomattox Office Supplies. The two members of the United States Navy will be in the Appomattox area through March 28th; they will visit schools and other places of interest. The Navy has a career education van that will be at the Prince Edward County High School on March 14th and at Pittman Plaza, Lynchburg on March 15th. "Any young man or woman interested in obtaining information concerning a Navy career may call either of the following numbers: Lynchburg Office 846-1521 or the Farmville Office 392-6056.

Americans concerned with soil and water conservation

Do you consider the loss of good farmland a serious problem? Are you alarmed about the misuse of soil and water resources? Should the use of conservation measures continue to be voluntary?

Who should pay for expensive conservation measures that provide few immediate benefits to the producer but have greater benefits to the public, such as improved water quality, cleaner air, or more wildlife?

Should we export farm commodities at levels which may cause our soil and water resources to deteriorate?

These are just some of the questions that the U. S. Department of Agriculture must answer to fulfill the requirements of the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act, (RCA).

Under the Act, Congress directed USDA to appraise the condition of the nation's renewable natural resources and to propose programs to guide future conservation activities of USDA. "Your ideas are needed to help shape the future direction of USDA programs," says Bob McCleary, local spokesman for the USDA.

Results of a national survey of the public's attitudes on major agricultural and conservation issues have recently been released by the USDA.

"The survey revealed that most American people believe more soil and water conservation is needed and are committed to a conservation ethic," says M. Rupert Cutler, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for natural resources and environment.

"A majority also favors a public and private partnership to resolve soil and water problems," he adds.

Louis Harris and Associates, Inc. interviewed 7,010 adults - representing a cross section of the nation's population. Some of the survey's other major findings are: half of all Americans consider misuse of our soil and water resources a major problem. Fifty-three percent consider the loss of good farmland a serious problem; by 7 to 1 Americans accept federal action to protect farmland from erosion as a proper role for government.

Also, the public consistently indicated a preference for allocating a greater share of soil and water resources to agriculture - specifically to food production rather than competing housing, industrial, energy or recreational uses and more than three-fourths of Americans feel we have not reached the point in soil and water conservation efforts where we should be more concerned about holding down costs than completing the work that remains to be done.

The USDA has proposed seven alternative strategies for changes in the conservation program. Included is a possibility of federal and state laws that would require farmers to control erosion. Also included is a suggestion that farmers might be required to protect their land from excessive erosion before receiving crop insurance, price support payments, low interest loans, and other USDA assistance.

Another of USDA's alternative strategies is that farmers could be offered stronger incentives to practice soil conservation. Such incentives could include tax reductions, cash bonuses, low interest loans and other methods.

More information about these proposals is available in local Soil Conservation Service offices. Also, an informational program will be held in the Prince Edward County Courtroom in Farmville, March 13 at 10:00 A.M.

USDA wants your opinion. Written comments on the soil conservation program can be sent to the USDA Response Analysis Center, Box 888, Athens, Georgia, 30603. All letters must be signed and postmarked no later than March 28, 1980.

NOTICE
DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Mass Meeting has been called by the Appomattox County Democratic Committee to be held at the Court House of Appomattox, Virginia, at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, March 22, 1980 for the purpose of electing 7 delegates and 4 alternates to the Fifth District Convention on Saturday, April 19, 1980 in Halifax, Virginia, where delegates and alternates will be elected to attend the Democratic National Convention in New York City on August 11, 1980; also the same delegates and alternates elected at the mass meeting on March 22, 1980 will attend the Democratic State Convention in Richmond, May 16th and 17th, 1980.

The filing fees may be waived under conditions of financial stress.

HARRY G. LAWSON, Chairman of the Appomattox County Democratic Committee
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'The End'

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book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire, only one side of the judgement is represented, "that of the wicked."

It's very true that these seance are not for the eye. They are for the heart, man must ponder these ideas and thoughts in his heart, and blessed is the man that reads and understands God's Word. Not only understands, but believes this word even enough that he can become meek and lowly in heart, to fall on his knees before God asking for help and forgiveness and seeks the grace Christ offers that he might walk after his commandments, so he might be blameless in the sight of God.

We cannot sow evil and expect to reap good, we cannot teach our children to rob a bank and expect them to turn out to be good children. We must sow good seed, if we haven't already it's time to start a new crop. God only knows that we have had enough chances we must change before eternity or it will be to late.

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Preschool registration for children who will enter school in September will be held at Appomattox Primary School and Pamplin Elementary School Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25 and 26.

Children may be registered in the school in their attendance areas on either date from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Children must have a doctor's physical examination which meets State Health Department criteria within 12 months of the beginning of school next year, as well as a certificate from a licensed physician proving that the student has had immunizations against communicable diseases as required by state law.

The information does not have to be presented on the date of registration. However,it must be submitted to the school prior to the beginning of the 1980-81 school session. No student will be admitted to school for the 1980-81 session until a report of the physical examination and immunizations is filed with the school.

New residents to the areas may provide records establishing that the pupil furnished this medical information upon prior admission to another school or school division, and provide the information contained in such reports and certificate.

Children may attend kindergarten during the 1980-81 school year who have reached their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 31 of the school year in a kindergarten program will want to discuss with the school principal the advisability of the child attending kindergarten.

Children may be admitted to first grade for the 1980-81 session who have reached their sixth birthday on or before Dec. 31, 1980.

A birth certificate verifying the child's age is required upon registration.

CVCC will offer refresher shorthand

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Although theory will be reviewed during the quarter, major emphasis will be placed on building speed and typing mailable letters from dictation. A review of the various transcription skills will aid the student in his or her preparation for employment where shorthand is a requirement.

The class will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:50 p.m. and will carry three credit hours.

Interested persons should contact the Admissions Office of the college at 239-0321.

Elementary PTA plans fund raising project

The Appomattox Elementary School PTA will have a fund raising project this Spring with the grand prize being a Thomasville bedroom suite.

Donations are $1.00 and tickets may be purchased in front of Wilbun's and King's Super Markets on Friday afternoon and Saturday, March 14 and 15; and on Friday afternoon and Saturday, March 21 and 22.

The bedroom suite will be given away at the May PTA meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

Please support the Elementary School PTA in this effort as the donations will be used to purchase fans for all the classrooms.

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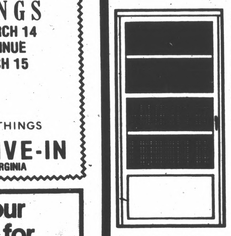

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